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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
Bahrenburg et al.

Examiner
John Pezzlo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 Sep 2002
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 9, and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7, 8, and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

I. Claims 1-4, 6, 9, and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato (US 5,511,068).

1. Regarding claims 1, 9, and 11 - Santo discloses a radio system which utilizes a TDMA structure and a CDMA code for each time slot (channel) so that multiple radios can communicate at the same time, refer to Figure 2 and column 5 lines 30 to 42. Santo discloses that multiple time slots (multiple channels) can be assigned to the same radio and each time slot can have a variable data rate, refer to Figure 2 and column 4 lines 44 to 67. Santo discloses that each time slot comprises a training sequence, refer to Figure 7 and column 9 lines 34 to 52.

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2. Regarding claim 2 - Santo discloses that the training sequence can be same for all the data connections, refer to column 7 lines 43 to 50.
3. Regarding claim 3 and 4 - Santo discloses that data for multiple channels is superimposed into each slot with equal weighting, refer to Figure 4 and column 5 lines 49 to 67.
4. Regarding claim 6 - Santo discloses that the data rate is variable being more data symbols for a higher rate and less data symbols for lower data rate in a given slot. Therefore with a fixed number of training symbols the mean power per symbol between the training and data symbols will be variable, refer to Figure 2 and column 4 lines 24 to 67 and column 5 lines 1 to 22.
5. Regarding claims 12 and 13 - Santo discloses that the training sequence is a midamble, refer to Figure 7 and column 9 lines 34 to 54.
6. Regarding claims 14 and 15 - Santo discloses that the code is a direct sequence individual spreading code, refer to Figure 3 and column 5 lines 4 to 22.

Allowable Subject Matter

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II. Claims 5, 7, 8, and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Baier et al. (US 5,970,060) discloses a method and system for radio transmission of digital signals.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (703) 306-5420. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on (703) 305-4744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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